ASCS TODAY

By Tom Conrad

Wheat Disaster - It has come to my attention in the last couple of weeks, that many farmers in the county are experiencing low yields on their wheat crop due to Wheat Scab.

I remind farmers that are participating in the Set-Aside Program, that if you do have a low yield of your wheat crop you may be eligible for a low yield disaster payment. If your production is less than 60 percent of the farm established yield and the crop was planted and cared for in normal manner you should be eligible for payment.

For farmers that will not harvest the crop, they will need to come to the ASCS office to fill out an application to have the crop appraised in the field. For those farmers that have or will harvest the crop they will need to stop by the ASCS Office within 15 days of the final harvest date to fill out an application.

For those farmers that qualify for a disaster payment, they will receive $1.70 per bushel based on expected production in contrast to actual production. An example would be: Farm established yield 35 bushels per acre - planted acres 15 - expected production 525 bushels. Actual production 16 bushels per acre x 15 planted acres = 240 bushels. 525 bushels - 240 bushels = 285 x $1.70 = $484.50 payment.

If you are in the Set-Aside Program and need additional details contact the ASCS Office as soon as possible.

Grade Price Support Rates for 1979-Crop Flue-Cured Tobacco Announced - Loan rates by grades which producers will receive for 1979-crop flue-cured tobacco delivered for support range from 69 cents to $1.66 a pound. The rates are the same for tied and untied tobacco.

The rates reflect an average support of $1.280 a pound, about 6.9 percent above 1978. Changes in 1979 grade rates range from 4 cents below 13 cents above 1978 rates.

As in past years, growers of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation to farmers who plant within their farm acreage allotments or 110 percent of the farm acreage allotment with agreement not to harvest the four lower leaves, designate the warehouses at which their tobacco will be offered, and certify that they have not used pesticides containing DDT, TDE, toxaphene or endrin in their tobacco; advances are available on marketings not in excess of 110 percent of farmers' poundage quotas. Marketings over he farm poundage quota will be subtracted from next year's quota.

As in the past, no advances will be offered on any tobacco graded N2 (second quality nondescript), NO-G (no grade), U (unsound), W (doubtful keeping order), or scrap. Marketings of these grades, will offer their tobacco at auction warehouses. Advances will be made through however, will be charged against the quotas for the farms upon which they were produced.

Farm Facility Loans - Funds are available for farmers who wish to build additional facilities or to expand their present storage structures.

Under the farm facility loan program, producers can borrow up to $50,000 on facilities adequate to store two years' crops, with 15 percent down and 10.5 percent interest, to build or remodel typical, conventional type on-farm storage structures such as steel bins, wooden granaries, and wet storage structures. Loans are also available to build high-moisture forage and silage storage space.

Farmers who have adquate on-farm storage and drying facilities have greater crop handling and marketing flexibility at harvest. In years of over-abundance they can store their crops in good condition until prices rise.

To be eligible for farm facility loans, farmers must grow one or more crops of barley, corn, grain sorghum, oats, rye, soybeans, wheat and high-moisture forage.

The loans are secured and borrowers must provide adequate security to protect the Commodity Credit Corporation's interest.

Further details on the farm facility loan program may be obtained at the ASCS Office.

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Thanks to the efforts of the Charlotte County Ruritan Club, **The Elvis Presley Band and Singers** will perform for a 3 year old Cancer Patient in a special Benefit Show at Charlotte Court House, Virginia. The date - Saturday, July 28, 1979 with Showtime at 8 p.m.

Featured will be the world's lowest Bass Singer, J. D. SUMNER, and the STAMPS QUARTET who performed every show with the late Elvis Presley during the final five years of his life. In addition, they are considered one of the Premier Gospel Music Groups in the world! Included in their show will be a special Tribute to ELVIS.

Tickets are $5.00 with free admission to all under 10 years of age.

This big Show will take place at RURITAN PARK, overlooking a beautiful lake just two miles from Charlotte Court House in Virginia State Road 604, so bring your lawn chairs.

Food and refreshments will go on sale at 6:00 p.m. with Showtime at 8 p.m.

In the event of bad weathery, the Concert will be held at nearby Randolph Henry High School Auditorium.

Dr. Wayland Dunn - Ruritans - 804-542-5115 or 542-5522.

VA Questions And Answers

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q - My husband died on September 8, 1978. I would like to install a marker of my own instead of one supplied by VA. I have been told there has been a change in the law and that I might receive an allowance to apply to the cost of a stone I purchase. Is this true?

A - To be eligible for the marker allowance, burial must have taken place on or after October 18, 1978, the effective date of the law. The VA will pay up to $50.00 toward the cost of a marker.

Q - I obtained a VA guaranteed home loan in 1973 and sold the home on an assumption contract in 1977. The buyer still owns the home and is paying on the original VA guaranteed mortgage. Can I get another VA guaranteed loann now?

A - Possibly. Since 1973 the maximum VA loan guaranty entitlement has been increased to $25,000 from $12,500. Although the entitlement you used in 1973 is still committed on your prior loan, you can use part of your increased entitlement to purchase a new home under the VA program if you can locate a lender willing to make a loan with that amount of entitlement.

Coal Utilization Issues And Answers Conference Set

BLACKSBURG--A conference designed to explore and promote the small scale use of coal will be held on the Virginia Tech campus Aug. 21-23.

Sponsored by the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research and the Tech Extension Division, the conference is designed to meet the needs of executives and managers, responsible for coal use decisions in industrial, commerical, institutional and governmental facilities.

Topics to be covered include policies, constraints and incentives for using coal, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency policy (EPA), air pollution policies, boilers and coal burning systems, clean combustion furnaces and the use of scrubbers.

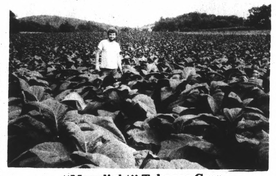
Among those scheduled to speak at the conference are Albert Wehe, chief of EPA's Energy and Information System; Robert L. Davies, deputy assistant administrator, Economic Regulatory Commission; and Richard A. Passman, directory, Office of Coal Resource Management, U.S. Department of Energy.

The conference is to be held at the Donaldson Brown Center for Continuing Education. The registration fee is $75 per person. Conference planners encourage early registration because attendance is limited to 50 persons. The registration fee includes instructional materials, a reception, two dinners, one luncheon and refreshment breaks.

Additional information may be obtained from Robert H. Pusey, director, Technical Resources, Room 267, University City Office Building, Blacksburg, Va. 24061, phone (703) 961-6226.

SCOUTS AT CAMP - Scouts Mike Carmody, Lynn Martin, Ben Martin, Darryl Martin, Ronald Reed, Roger Steinkamp, Bentley Nash, and Eduardo Garcia of Appomattox's Troop 546 left for a week of fun and learning at Camp Ottari Sunday.

Troop 546 is sponsored by the Appomattox Lions Club. Also attending are Scoutmaster Danny Garrett and Assistant Scoutmasters Allen Harville and Allen Carmody.



"Moonlight" Tobacco Crop

Timmy Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Moore, of Route 2, Gladstone, is pictured in his 2½ acre field of Dark Tobacco. Timmy works full-time at Virginia Fibre Corporation and his tobacco is strictly a "moonlight" proposition. He is assisted in the tobacco with his mom and dad who have raised tobacco for years.

This crop of Brown Leaf was topped during the first week of July and, with additional rains, should be ready to harvest in early August.

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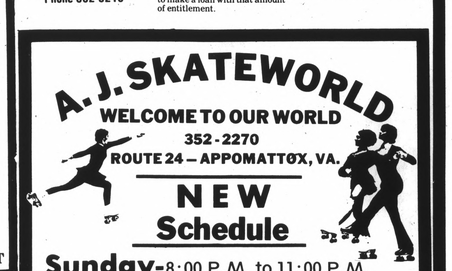

NEW Schedule

Sunday-8:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.
Monday—PRIVATE PARTIES
Tuesday—PRIVATE PARTIES
Wednesday—Fun Night
8:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.
Thursday—8 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.
Friday—7 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
9 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Saturday—1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. AFTERNOON,
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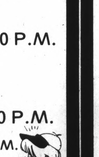

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Father Darkleaf

By Calvin Robinson

Monday morning I went over town and the first person I saw greeting me with this... "My, what a wonderful day." Now, that is tops for starting a day and a week. A bit later I saw people hurrying to their jobs, cars and trucks moving up and down the streets and highway, people about their yards and gardens, youth on bikes, traffic in and out of stores, and the greeting lingered. "My, what a wonderful day."

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Observed: the neat sign out front identifying one of our fine schools . . . "Appomattox Primary School, 1954." Let's see, '54 to '79 is twenty-five years and I wonder how many still around town who enrolled the very first day.

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As a youth my favorite dish was corn on the cob. Slowed down a bit now, but how about the 7,800 town of Eden, New York, up near Buffalo, where August 9 to 12 they will have a Corn Eating Festival. Planning for 80,000, with parades and other activities.

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Right here in Appomattox, a wonderful sight is the sunflower garden at James A. Simpson's, on Route 626 near the former Willis Plant Farm. Simpson is a partially disabled WW II veteran, whose hobby is a garden with lots of flowers. Nearly an acre in sunflowers now in full bloom. Planted sixteen pounds of sunflower seed. Why? For the birds! Birds feast directly from the tall plants and Simpson harvests the rest of the crop for continued feeding. The seeds will darken in color and be ready for harvest in two weeks from now.

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There is a lovely rock garden at the intersection of Evergreen Street and the Red House Road and it is a tribute to the memory of the late Bill Stanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Byrd Stanley. Bill was one of the best and his untimely death saddened the community. The rock garden was his wish and I stopped and talked with Harry Byrd about it. Georgia white marble.

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My modest garden is yielding glads in bloom. A fine cut flower for the house and I cannot resist bringing in a fresh one every day. This morning a tall white, tomorrow a stately purple, and then that big red in the corner.

Quoted from a 1946 Ministers Manual:

There's a charming little motto,
Which a kind friend gave to me,
And it runs, "Don't wear your wishbone,
Where your backbone ought to be."

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A news item states that with many doing less distance traveling this summer, library use is up. Appomattox is blessed with an excellent county library and fine staff.

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Honeysuckle is great in its place, but I have been pruning, clipping and discouraging it from some trees and shrubs. Must have clipped enough, it seemed, to reach from Martha Street to the Taj Mahal. And it is a shame that magnolia blooms turn brown so quickly but I'm not complaining for 'tis better to work with nature than agin it.

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Around town . . . widening of the intersection of Court Street and Confederate Blvd. . . . crew of workmen clipping low-hanging tree limbs . . . a few regular fingers . . . my first ripe yellow tomato.

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Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

JACK RAINEY, far left, 5th District Commander, installed officers at a recent meeting of the American Legion Post 104. Mike Weiss, second from the left, was installed as Adjutant; Charles Wilson, State Commander was guest speaker for the occasion. Dr. William Geisler, outgoing commander is shown at far right. Ivey Holland and other officers were not available for the picture.

Local Retail Gasoline Dealers Discussed Shortages And Plans

Retail gasoline dealers of Appomattox County met Monday night to discuss the current gasoline shortage and any contingency plans necessary to deal with the problem.

Dealers were asked by Emergency & Energy Service Coordinator for Appomattox County, W. R. Britton, Jr., to complete a gasoline survey form which will show the hours pumps are open and will indicate any local problems with gasoline availability.

Any dealers who have not received a survey form by Monday, July 30, 1979, should contact Britton at the Town Hall, phone 352-8268. The full cooperation of all dealers is encouraged.

The survey is being conducted after Governor John Dalton issued Executive Order #24 on June 28, 1979, which directed the preparation of plans by local government to alleviate conditions brought about by restrictive hours of operation of retail gasoline stations. Britton plans to review problems caused by the gasoline shortage, on a local level, in order to recommend to local government any necessary plans.

OEDP Committee Asks For Opinions

Dr. Charlie Perkins, Chairman, Appomattox County Economic Development Program Committee, is asking for opinions of the citizens of Appomattox in order to recommend the best economic development for the future.

The Committee, established by the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors, is studying the county's economy and is asking that you fill out the form that will be found on another page of this issue of the TIMES-VIRGINIAN.

All information will be kept strictly confidential and the results tabulated for committee review.

Tommy S. Drinkard, new member of the Public Welfare Board for Appomattox County, is welcomed to the July meeting of the Board by Richard D. Robinson, Vice Chairman, Virginia M. Babcock, Director of the Appomattox Department of Social Services. J. M. Cobb, Jr., Board Chairman, was not present due to illness.

Tommy S. Drinkard, Sr. Appointed To Public Welfare Board For County

The Board of Supervisors has announced the appointment of Tommy Drinkard, Sr. to the Public Welfare Board for Appomattox County.

Mr. Drinkard, an appointee from the Stonewall District, succeeds Clayton R. Martin. Mr. Martin retired from the Board after nine years of service.

Drinkard resides in Oakville with his wife, the former Nell Daley, and their three sons, Mark, Scott, and Jeff.

The son of Mrs. Alice Drinkard and the late Melvin Drinkard, Tommy is a native of the Oakville area. As an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church, he serves as Assistant Lay Leader and as a member of the musical group, "Fellowship Four and Jackie".

Mr. Drinkard, Assistant Manager of the Hardware Department and Sales Manager with Barker-Jennings has been employed by the Lynchburg based company for the past nineteen years.

Lions Club To Meet Tonight

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight, Thursday, at Maudes Restaurant at 6:45 p.m.

Ms. Natalie Cooper, Lynchburg Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc., will be the featured speaker for the regular meeting.

L.A.R.C. includes the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Campbell and the City of Lynchburg. Since the association renders an important service to citizens of Appomattox, each member will want to be present for this program.

BLOODMOBILE VISIT SET FOR AUGUST 6

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will make a visit to Appomattox on Monday, August 6, and will be set up at Liberty Baptist Church from noon until 6 p.m.

The quota for this visit will be 100 units of blood. Mark your calendar now and plan to make this visit and donate a unit of your life-saving blood.

Social Workers Present Child Abuse Program

At the regular meeting of the Senior United Methodist Women at Trinity United Methodist Church on July 12, Miss Dawn Hersey and Mr. Richard Martin, Social Workers, presented a program outlining direct and indirect services offered by Appomattox County Department of Social Services.

A similar program on Public Welfare Services was recently presented to The Torch Club by Miss Hersey and Miss Eva Moore.

A part of the program focused on child abuse. Members present shared in viewing the newly released film, "A Chain To Be Broken" starring "Laugh-in's" Artie Johnson.

During the International Year of the Child, the Department of Social Services will present programs of this nature to interested civic and religious groups.

4-W Drive Pulling Contest, July 28th - Tractor Pulling, August 4 Planned

The Appomattox Young Farmers Tractor Pullers, Inc. have planned a 4-Wheel Drive Pulling Contest for Saturday, July 28th beginning at 6 p.m.

A Tractor Pulling Contest will be sponsored by the AYFTP on Saturday, August 4th, also at 6 p.m.

Registration for both contests will be from 3 to 5 p.m. on the day of the contests. The contests will be held 1 mile East of Appomattox on Route 24.

Prizes will be awarded for all classes in both contests.

Admission will be $3.50 per adult, $1.00 for ages 6 - 10, and under 6 will be free.

Rain dates have been set for the 4-Wheel Drive Pulling Contest and the Tractor Pulling Contest. For further information, see the advertisement in this issue of the TIMES-VIRGINIAN.

Rescue Squad Responds To 62 Calls in June

Volunteer members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to a total of 62 calls in the month of June. In doing so they traveled a total of 2371 miles and spent 341 ¾ manhours.

In response to 5 automobile wrecks, 6 persons were treated at the scene. Thirteen people were monitored on the EKG machine enroute to the hospital and seven persons required oxygen.

A breakdown of the calls is as follows: chest pain, 10; maternity, 3; convulsions, 2; heart attacks, 5; falls, 3; diabetic, 1; stroke, 2; overdose, 2; broken bones, 2; abdominal pains, 5; breathing difficulty, 4; DOA, 2; transport by doctor request, 7; miscellaneous, 5; call cancelled, 4.

New Dentist Office Opened Here Monday

Dr. H. G. Bonney, formerly of Vienna, opened a new dentist office in Appomattox County Monday of this week.

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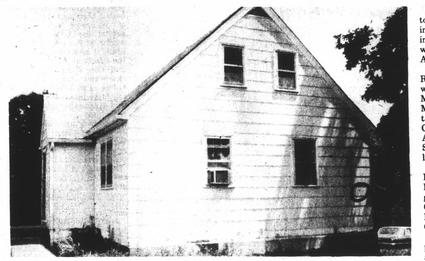
Three Men Killed, One Wounded In Shootout Near Evergreen



Scene of triple slaying Monday morning in nearby Evergreen. Circle indicates one bullet hole that came through wall of the house.

Three young men were shot to death and a fourth seriously injured early Monday morning in an isolated farmhouse in the worst murder in the history of Appomattox County.

According to Sheriff J. E. Richardson, the lone survivor was identified as James Michael Hardy, 24, of Stone Mountain, Georgia. He was transported to Lynchburg General Hospital by the Appomattox County Rescue Squad where his condition was listed Tuesday as satisfactory.

Dead were Bruce Steven Draper, 26, of Pottstown, Pennsylvania; Steven P. Philgreen, 23, of Stone Mountain, Georgia; and Robert E. Deutsch, 30, of Atlanta, Georgia.

Police were still trying to piece together details Tuesday and had talked with Hardy, the only survivor, Tuesday morning at the hospital in Lynchburg, but Sheriff Richardson declined to reveal what he learned.

"It appears that one of the four men had 'problems' for the last two weeks," Richardson said. "One of the men had made threats to take his own life."

Hardy was dressed for work and was found on the sofa in the den. The body of Deutsch was in the doorway of the kitchen, Draper was in the hallway on the second floor, and Philgreen was also on the second floor lying on the floor of a bedroom.

When the shooting started, it is believed that all four men were upstairs.

Two men, co-workers, drove up to pick the men up for work and Hardy yelled out the window that he would be out in a minute according to Richardson. Then the shooting and screaming started the two men abandoned their car and ran "all the way to Evergreen," to get to a telephone to call police.

The four living in the farmhouse were surveyors employed by American Engineers and Surveyors of Atlanta, working for the Colonial Pipeline Company in Appomattox.

Each man had been shot once or twice, there was blood on every wall and bullet holes in several of the walls. Two blood-smeared cars were parked near the house. Richardson said that they were fairly sure that Hardy had been outside and then made it back into the house and onto the sofa where he was found with a bullet apparently lodged in his jawbone.

When the shooting started, Richardson said he felt that one man returned fire upstairs and that the other two were not aware of what was happening.

A certain amount of drugs were used by persons at the house, marijuana, for sure. There was a "party" at the house on Saturday night but the amount of drugs or liquor used was not known. There had been no prior complaints, however, Monday it was reported that shots were heard from that area over the weekend.

Identification of the victims was made by the company they worked for and by friends and co-workers.

According to Sheriff Richardson, if any of the four men had criminal records it was unknown Tuesday.

The owner of the rental property said that the men had lived in his house for three months and had been good tenants. They seemed to be good people and had always paid their bills. He said the four young men were known by many of the residents of Evergreen and were liked by the people they knew. He said, "there obviously had to be something wrong with one of them."

Officers ruled out robbery as

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7th Annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival Planned For October 13th And 14th

All Aboard . . . for the Seventh Annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival, "1979--How We Got Here."

The Appomattox Junior Woman's Club and the Town of Appomattox will again co-sponsor the "Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival." This event, which commemorates the Battle of Appomattox Station in 1865, will be held October 13 and 14, 1979.

A parade, a 10,000 meter foot race, historic exhibits, arts and crafts, musical entertainment, the 1979 Miss Appomattox Pageant, recreation and concessions will be highlights of the weekend. There will be free parking and free admission to all regular events. Main Street and two secondary streets will be limited to pedestrian traffic during festival hours, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The festival will begin with a "kick-off parade. Last year, participating in the parade, there were 70 units including bands, floats, antique cars, dignitaries, equestrian entries, clowns and animated characters.

Historic exhibits will reflect the era of the Civil War with emphasis placed on the importance of the railroad. Railroad memorabilia will be on display, courtesy of the National Railway Historical Society.

The Civil War and Railroad theme will be present in the historic dress of the townspeople and in the Arts and Crafts show and sale. Other handmade traditional crafts will also be featured.

Bluegrass, Country Western and Gospel music groups will entertain with continual music at the railroad depot. Children will enjoy meeting a variety of animated characters and taking a free miniature train ride, among other recreational activities. There will be plenty of homecooked food and picnic facilities available both days.

The first running of the Pepsi/Joe Sweeney 10,000 Meter Classic will be held Saturday during the Festival. This event is open to all interested persons. Prizes will be awarded for overall in division winners. A one-mile fun run will also be held.

Taking place in conjunction with the festival will be the 1979 Miss Appomattox Pageant, sponsored by the Appomattox Woman's Club. The pageant will be held at the Appomattox County High School auditorium Saturday evening.

The majority of the festival events will take place in or around the Appomattox Railroad Station on Main Street, presented to the Town by the Norfolk and Western Railroad during the first annual festival. The station is now the site of a State Historic Landmarks Commission plaque dedicated during the second annual festival. The present Town of Appomattox was known as Appomattox Station on April 8, 1865 when General George A. Custer captured Lee's last trainload of supplies on the Southside Railroad.

While attending the festival, one can visit the Appomattox Courthouse National Historical Park, located three miles east of Appomattox. The park was created in 1940 to preserve the site where our country reunited after four years of civil war. The Courthouse Village contains 27 historic structures including the McLean House, where General Robert E. Lee and General Ulysses S. Grant discussed the terms of surrender for the Army of Northern Virginia on April 9. Here, on the morning of April 12 in the village of Appomattox Courthouse, the men in gray stacked their arms and were patroled to return home. Admittance to the Park will be free of charge.

So, for two fun filled days, join us October 13 and 14 in Historic Appomattox, Virginia, and enjoy the Seventh Annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival.

For more information, please write the 1979 Festival Co-Chairperson: Mrs. Cindy Ranson, Rt. 2, Acorn Street, Appomattox, Virginia 24522. Brochures will be sent upon request.

Farming: Virginia's Third Most Hazardous Job

He's up with the sun, working all day in fields with wide horizons. At day's end, he puts away his machines, feeds his animals and goes home with the sunset. A farmer's life is physically taxing, but runs in harmony with nature's usually gentle cycles, many of us believe.

But the farmer also breathes in dust, if often alone in his fields working with heavy sophisticated equipment; and many times must alter his planting schedules to match the whims of weather and federal controls.

Farming is one of Virginia's most dangerous operations.

"Farmers must deal with a variety of potential hazards in carrying out their essential role as producers of food and fiber, Commissioner S. Mason Carbaugh, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, said. "Farm Safety Week, which begins on July 25, offers an important opportunity to annually reevaluate personal safeguards against possible injury."

"This year's Farm Safety Week theme is 'Personal Protection -- A defense Against Injury' emphasizes the farmer's task of protecting himself from the many hazards he encounters every day," Carbaugh said.

In Virginia, farming ranks behind only construction and mining in work-related injuries and fatalities. The whole area of agriculture, from cultivating and planting fields, transporting supplies to the farm, and goods from the farm to the processing plant or market place has been pin-pointed by the National Safety Institute as the country's third most hazardous occupation.

On-farm safety concerns begin far from the farm itself. Equipment engineers and producers design equipment to minimize risk and provide instructions for safe operation. Farm safety in considered in the labeling of many products such as pesticides and medicated feeds used by farmers.

All manufacturers who sell pesticides or medicated feeds in Virginia must register with VDACS before offering their products for sale, Carbaugh said. Pesticide labels provide directions for effective and safe use, not only to the applicators but to the environment. Medicated feed labels include information about the effectiveness and safety to animals being treated, with directions for appropriate dosages and length of time before slaughtering and marketing the medicine should be discontinued, in order to protect the consumer of animal products. Also included are precautions necessary for the safety of the farmer in

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